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SBA Announces New Sacramento District Director Joe McClure *Experienced Economic Development Professional Fills Leadership Role in Citrus Heights District Office*

SACRAMENTO – The Sacramento District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced the appointment of Joe McClure to the position of District Director. McClure takes over for Jim O’Neal, who retired in December. As District Director, McClure will direct and manage all SBA programs and activities located within the jurisdiction of the Sacramento District Office.

Acting Region Nine Regional Administrator Mark Quinn welcomed McClure into the SBA family saying, “We are pleased to have Joe join the Sacramento team. His extensive experience in strategic planning and business leadership makes him the ideal candidate for this dynamic position.”

McClure has been involved in economic development and small business lending for over twenty years and has held progressively more challenging executive management roles in business and economic development for the past eleven years. He managed economic development organizations in California as well as being the CEO for a new long term acute care hospital in Billings, Montana.

McClure is no stranger to the SBA and its community partners. In the 1990s in Southern California, McClure worked as a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) counselor as well as a loan officer in a Certified Development Corporation (CDC).

“While leading the Big Sky Economic Development Authority in Billings, I transformed the agency from a county department to a public-private economic development entity recognized throughout the state for its leadership and vision,” said McClure. “I am excited at this opportunity to use that same passion to assist small business directly and help stimulate the Sacramento area’s economic growth.”

The Sacramento District Office covers the twenty-one northeastern interior counties of California, with the Sacramento metro area being the largest concentration of population. The district contains five SBDC’s located in Sacramento, Stockton, Yuba City, Chico, and Redding. In fiscal year 2012, the District Office facilitated 535 loans for a total of over \$267 million, and it is on pace to do a similar volume in 2013, with the first half of the year showing 301 loans for over \$130 million.

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